

GOA STATE BIODEVERSITY BOARD RECONSTITUTED

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The Government of Goa has reconstituted the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) for conservation of biological diversity and sustainable/equitable use of biological resources. Minister for Environment, Smt. Alina Saldanha, is the Chairperson. The Members are Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of forests, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board, Dr. Joe D'Souza, Panaji, Shri Celso Dias, Headmaster, Our Lady of Socorro High School, Nagoa, Verna, Shri Mahesh Kanolkar, Panaji, Dr. Bhiva Malik, Porvorim. Dr. Nitin Sawant, Porvorim is the Member Secretary.

The functions of the GSBB shall be as to advise the State Government, on matters relating to the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of biological resources, regulate by granting of approvals or otherwise, requests for commercial utilization or bio-survey and bio-utilisation of any biological by Indians, perform such other functions, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act or as may be prescribed by the State Government.